



**PRESTON STREET COOKING CLASS, LOUISVILLE, KY.**

Girls wearing aprons, caps, and sleevelets made in the sewing school. The room used for this class was built by seminary students, assisted by colored boys.

have added both gas and coal ranges, hot and cold water, and have enlarged the equipment of utensils until we can admit three times as many girls as we could at the organization. However, the number of girls applying for admission to this department has increased much more rapidly than we have been able to provide for them. More than fifty girls were refused admission last year.

As a result of these classes, one girl, after "working out" and earning enough to pay her expenses, has gone to Hampton Institute to take an advanced course, to fit herself for a teacher of her own people. Another girl has been out at service for the past year, and has saved enough money to enable her to enter Hampton this year.

#### **"Cabbage and Corn Bread" for a "Light Diet"**

One of the first girls enrolled in the cooking classes was one that we found at one time sick with typhoid fever. We sent a physician to see her. He reported her temperature as being 104 degrees, and prescribed a light diet. When we asked her mother what she had given her to eat that morning, as a light diet, she replied, "Cabbage and corn bread." To my amazement this girl survived and was enrolled as one of the first

members of this class. She is now a married woman and has a home of her own. We do not believe that she, or any girl who has even for a short time been a member of one of these cooking classes, would give to one of their children, as a "light diet," "cabbage and corn bread."

There has been a greater demand for pupils from these classes in the homes of white people than we have ever been able to supply. We have again and again received verbal and written testimony, given voluntarily by employers of girls who have taken lessons in our cooking classes, that the girls were doing satisfactory work, and that their characters were a testimony to the effectiveness of our moral teaching.

#### **Boys and Girls in a Wholesome Atmosphere**

The apparent need of the people in the vicinity of the mission for some place to spend a social evening led us to open the mission buildings, and to invite there groups of boys and girls to enjoy social pleasure in a wholesome atmosphere. Games of various kinds were provided for their amusement. Dominoes, checkers, flinch, ring toss, bean bags, tiddledy-winks, and jack-straws were some of the games played. Generally a part of each evening is spent in games, and a part in some intellectual